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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary RECORDATION NO. Surface Transportation Board

1925 K Street, N.W. Room 704

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Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re:

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Leveraged Lease Locomotive Financing BNSF 1997-J

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am enclosing for recording pursuant to Section 11301 of Title 49 of the United States Code, two original copies of each of the primary documents and the secondary documents described below. As one of the attorneys representing the Lessee in this transaction, I have knowledge of the matters described in this letter.

The primary documents are as follows:

- Memorandum of Lease Agreement (BNSF 1997-J), dated November 25, 1997, between NBB Fontana Lease Co., Ltd., as lessor (the "Lessor"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as lessee (the "Lessee"); and
- Memorandum of Mortgage and Security Agreement (BNSF 1997-J), dated November 25, 1997, between the Lessor, as borrower (the "Borrower") and First Security Bank, National Association, as security trustee (the "Security Trustee").

The secondary documents are as follows:

- Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1997-J), dated November 25, 1997, between the Lessee and the Lessor;
- Memorandum of Mortgage Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1997-J), dated November 25, 1997, between the Lessor, as Borrower, and the Security Trustee; and
 - Memorandum of Dollar Account Pledge Agreement (BNSF 1997-J) dated November 25, 1997 between Export Development Corporation ("EDC"), as agent (the "Agent"), and the Lessor, as Borrower.

The primary documents to which Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1997-J) and Memorandum of Mortgage Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1997-J) are connected are the Memorandum of Lease Agreement (BNSF 1997-J) and the Memorandum

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of Mortgage and Security Agreement (BNSF 1997-J), respectively, referred to above, which are being submitted for recording concurrently therewith.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed documents are as follows:

MEMORANDUM OF LEASE AGREEMENT

Lessee: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

2650 Lou Menk Drive

Second Floor

Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2830

Lessor:

NBB Fontana Lease Co., Ltd.

c/o Nomura Babcock & Brown Co., Ltd.

Dai-Ichi Edobashi Building 1-11-1 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku

Tokyo 103, Japan

MEMORANDUM OF MORTGAGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

Borrower: NBB Fontana Lease Co., Ltd.

c/o Nomura Babcock & Brown Co., Ltd.

Dai-Ichi Edobashi Building 1-11-1 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku

Tokyo 103, Japan

Security Trustee:

First Security Bank, National Association,

as Security Trustee

Corporate Trust Department

79 South Main Street

Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

Lessee:

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

2650 Lou Menk Drive

Second Floor

Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2830

Lessor:

NBB Fontana Lease Co., Ltd.

c/o Nomura Babcock & Brown Co., Ltd.

Dai-Ichi Edobashi Building 1-11-1 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku

Tokyo 103, Japan

MEMORANDUM OF MORTGAGE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

Borrower:

NBB Fontana Lease Co., Ltd.

c/o Nomura Babcock & Brown Co., Ltd.

Dai-Ichi Edobashi Building 1-11-1 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku

Tokyo 103, Japan

Security Trustee:

First Security Bank, National Association,

as Security Trustee

Corporate Trust Department

79 South Main Street

Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

MEMORANDUM OF DOLLAR ACCOUNT PLEDGE AGREEMENT

Borrower:

NBB Fontana Lease Co., Ltd.

c/o Nomura Babcock & Brown Co., Ltd.

Dai-Ichi Edobashi Building 1-11-1 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku

Tokyo 103, Japan

Agent:

Export Development Corporation

151 O'Connor

Ottawa, Canada K1A 1K3

The description of the equipment covered as of the date hereof by the aforesaid Memorandum of Lease Agreement, Memorandum of Mortgage and Security Agreement, Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 and the Memorandum of Mortgage Supplement No. 1 is as set forth on Exhibit A hereto.

A fee of one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00) is enclosed. Please time and date stamp the enclosed copies of each of the enclosed documents along with the extra copy of this letter as proof of filing and recordation of the enclosed documents and return the original and any extra copies of such documents and this letter not needed by the Board for recordation to:

> Karl T. Williams, Esq. Chapman and Cutler 111 West Monroe Chicago, Illinois 60603

A short summary of each of the documents to appear in the index follows:

(1) MEMORANDUM OF LEASE AGREEMENT:

Memorandum of Lease Agreement (BNSF 1997-J) between NBB Fontana Lease Co., Ltd., as Lessor, c/o Nomura Babcock & Brown Co., Ltd., Dai-Ichi Edobashi Building, 1-11-1 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103, Japan, and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as Lessee, 2650 Lou Menk Drive, Second Floor, Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2830, dated November 25, 1997, covering diesel electric locomotives bearing the road numbers listed in the exhibit attached thereto.

(2) MEMORANDUM OF MORTGAGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT:

Memorandum of Mortgage and Security Agreement (BNSF 1997-J) between NBB Fontana Lease Co., Ltd., as Borrower, c/o Nomura Babcock & Brown Co., Ltd., Dai-Ichi Edobashi Building, 1-11-1 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103, Japan, and First Security Bank, National Association, as Security Trustee, Attention: Corporate Trust Department, 79 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, dated November 25, 1997, covering the obligations of the Borrower and the Lessee relating to diesel electric locomotives bearing the road numbers listed in the exhibit attached thereto.

(3) MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1:

Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1997-J) between NBB Fontana Lease Co., Ltd., as Lessor, c/o Nomura Babcock & Brown Co., Ltd., Dai-Ichi Edobashi Building, 1-11-1 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103, Japan, and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as Lessee, 2650 Lou Menk Drive, Second Floor, Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2830, dated November 25, 1997, covering diesel electric locomotives bearing the road numbers listed in the exhibit attached thereto. Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 is related to the Memorandum of Lease Agreement between the Lessor and the Lessee, dated November 25, 1997, which is filed concurrently herewith.

(4) MEMORANDUM OF MORTGAGE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1:

Memorandum of Mortgage Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1997-J) between NBB Fontana Lease Co., Ltd., as Borrower, c/o Nomura Babcock & Brown Co., Ltd., Dai-Ichi Edobashi Building, 1-11-1 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103, Japan, and First Security Bank, National Association, as Security Trustee, Attention: Corporate Trust Department, 79 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, dated November 25, 1997, covering the obligations of the Borrower and the Lessee relating to diesel electric locomotives bearing road numbers listed in the exhibit attached thereto. The Memorandum of Mortgage Supplement No. 1 is related to the Memorandum of Mortgage and Security Agreement between the Borrower and the Security Trustee, dated November 25, 1997, which is filed concurrently herewith.

(5) MEMORANDUM OF DOLLAR ACCOUNT PLEDGE AGREEMENT:

Memorandum of Dollar Account Pledge Agreement (BNSF 1997-J) between Export Development Corporation, as Agent, 151 O'Connor, Ottawa, Canada K1A 1K3 and NBB Fontana Lease Co., Ltd., as Borrower, c/o Nomura Babcock & Brown Co., Ltd., Dai-Ichi Edobashi Building, 1-11-1 Nihonbashi, Chuo-Ku, Tokyo 103, Japan, dated as of November 25, 1997, relating to the grant by Borrower to Agent of a security interest in Borrower's right, title and interest in and to the Dollar Account.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (312) 845-3892.

Sincerely,

CHAPMAN AND CUTLER

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EXHIBIT A

UNITS

EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	ROAD NUMBERS
General Motors Corporation (Electro-Motive Division) Model SD70M-AC Diesel Electric Locomotives	7	BNSF 9838 through BNSF 9844, inclusive
General Motors Corporation (Electro-Motive Division) Model SD75I Diesel Electric Locomotives	14	BNSF 8276 through BNSF 8287, inclusive, BNSF 8291 and BNSF 8295
General Electric Company Dash 9-44 CW Diesel Electric Locomotives	6	BNSF 4708 through BNSF 4713, inclusive

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MEMORANDUM OF MORTGAGE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 (BNSF 1997-J)

Memorandum of Mortgage Supplement No. 1, made and entered into on November 25, 1997 by and between First Security Bank, National Association, a national banking association, as security trustee ("Security Trustee"), and NBB Fontana Lease Co., Ltd., a Japanese corporation ("Borrower").

WITNESSETH:

- The undersigned have entered into that certain Mortgage and Security Agreement (BNSF 1997-J) (the "Mortgage"), dated November 25, 1997, by which the Borrower has granted a security interest to the Security Trustee in order to secure the Borrower's performance of certain obligations as described in the Loan Agreement (BNSF 1997-J), dated November 25, 1997, between the Borrower and Export Development Corporation, and in the Mortgage.
- 2. A memorandum of said Mortgage is being recorded with the Surface Transportation Board concurrently herewith pursuant to Section 11301 of Title 49 of the United States Code.
- The undersigned have entered into that certain Mortgage Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1997-J), dated November 25, 1997, relating to the above-described Mortgage and extending the Borrower's grant of a security interest therein to locomotives bearing road numbers as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this memorandum to be duly executed by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

FIRST SECURITY BANK, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION
By Ming
Name: Brett R. King
Title: Assistant Nice President
Executed on this 194 day of November, 1997.
NBB FONTANA LEASE CO., LTD.
By
Name: Christopher D. Thompson
Title: Attorney-in-Fact
Executed on this day of November, 1997.

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FIRST SECURITY BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By
Name: Brett R. King Title: Assistant Vice President
Executed on this day of November, 1997
NBB FONTANA VEASE CO., LTD.
By Mills
Name: Christopher D. Thompson
Title: Attorney-in-Fact

Executed on this 19 day of November, 1997.

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On this, the 19th day of Novem County and State, personally appeared he is the Assistant Vice President of FII said instrument was signed on November 19th 19th 19th 19th 19th 19th 19th 19th	nber, 1997, before me, a Notary Public in and for said Brett R. King, who being by me duly sworn, says that RST SECURITY BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, that per (4, 1997 on behalf of said association by authority acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have above mentioned.	e hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date
NOTARY PUBLIC ELIZABETH M. WEBB 61 So. Main St. S.L.C., UT 84111 COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 7, 2001 STATE OF UTAH	Name: Notary Public My Commission Expires: Residing in Salt Lake
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